Dear Sirs,

My name is John Curtis and I live in North West Ohio. I will be 49 this year and have worked and supported the income tax system my entire adult life. In my forty plus year working career I have worked for four companies. The longest and most recent was for about twenty- five years. I lost my job twenty eight months ago and have worked endlessly to try and replace what I lost to no avail. I have gone from being long term employed to long term unemployed by living in an area of the country that was hit particularly hard by the economic down turn. I am one of the more fortunate long term unemployed as my wife and I had managed our money well and had very little debt outside our monthly mortgage. Our monthly expenses of course are trimmed to live within our means.

I am writing today to ask you to please pass some legislation to continue unemployment benefits to individuals like myself who were long term employees and now find themselves in the long term unemployment line. All of the people in my position WILL find a suitable way to support our families as we have done our entire lives. Sadly but currently the pulse of our country is weak and thready and will not economically support the addition of the number of jobs needed to get the unemployment pendulum to swing in the opposite direction.

Thank you for taking the time read my correspondence,

John Curtis